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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, and 7 by replacing them with the like numbered claims hereinbelow. A mark up set of claims is provided at the end of the response to illustrate the changes made herein.

1. (Amended three times) An ink jet recording method which receives a command and data which indicate a drawing of a thick line or a filled-in area, analyzes the command and the data by an interpreter, converts vector data of the thick line or the filled-in area into raster data based on a specified data pattern which contains a predetermined matrix of ON and/or OFF dots, after the analysis, and, based on the raster data, ejects ink